LAW SECRETARIAT

The Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, to be the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bangalore City, for the acquisition of certain properties.

READ—

Notification No. L. 2254—Ml. 17-38-8, dated 13th September 1938, authorising the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Bangalore City, to take order for the acquisition of certain properties in Bangalore City, for continuing the Silver Jubilee Park Road, to join the Avenue Road, etc.

2. Letter No. L. 1-1040—37, dated 9th April 1940, from the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, stating that the alignment of the Silver Jubilee Park Road has been changed and a portion of the property belonging to the Syed Pasha Maccan (Darga) in the Avenue Road, which has been included in the Notification read above, was not taken up for acquisition by the Special Land Acquisition Officer but is now required for the said road, and requesting, in the circumstances stated, that the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, may be authorised to take order for the acquisition of the said property, instead of the Special Land Acquisition Officer as notified in the Government Order read above.

ORDER No. L. 9128-32—ML. 17-38-128, DATED BANGALORE, THE 25TH APRIL 1940.

Sanctioned.

H. V. NARAYANA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Orders on the Investment of Insurance Fund on Buildings.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 4129, dated 5th September 1939, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Insurance Department, regarding the investment of Rs. 7 lakhs out of the Official Branch funds on buildings, subject to certain conditions.

ORDER No. FL. 6644-704—G. F. 23-39-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 4TH MAY 1940.

At present, the balance of the Mysore Government Insurance Fund is not invested separately but merged with the other debt head balances of Government, and the Insurance Fund is allowed interest on its balance at 4 per cent per annum from the Revenue Account of the State. It is considered more advantageous to permit the investment of a comparatively small portion of the Insurance Fund on public buildings, so as to enable the Fund to earn a larger income and also serve public interests. The Insurance Committee have accordingly resolved to invest for the present out of the balance of the Official Branch a sum of Rs. 7 lakhs for this purpose, subject to the following conditions :—

(1) The Insurance Fund shall get rent calculated at 6 per cent per annum on the capital cost (to cover interest and running maintenance charges).

(2) Arrangements shall be made by Government for purchasing these buildings from the Insurance Department within a period of ten years.

2. Government are pleased to approve of the above Resolution of the Insurance Committee.

3. Separate orders will issue regarding the particular buildings to be financed from the Insurance Fund.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Audit - Circles.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 1223—Es., dated 15th March 1940, from the Comptroller in the matter of formation of Local Audit Circles.

(Printed as annexure.)

ORDER No. FL. 6495-6—G. F. 133-35-9, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH APRIL 1940.

Under the arrangements now obtaining in regard to the local and outside audit of the accounts of the several offices and institutions in the State conducted by the Comptroller's Office, one Assistant Comptroller is in charge of the Local Audit group, another is in charge of the Industrial Audit (in addition to the charge of some sections of the Comptroller's Office) and a third is solely attending to the inspections of Public Works and Forest Divisions and Treasuries, and all these officers have jurisdiction throughout the State. With the rapid expansion of the activities of Government in several directions, it would not be possible for the Comptroller under the present highly centralised system of audit to arrange for speedy inspection of important institutions, and it is therefore considered necessary and desirable to decentralise the work in order that inspection and audit work may be done more efficiently and effectively. The Comptroller has accordingly proposed the formation of three Audit Circles, one at Bangalore with jurisdiction over Bangalore and Kolar Districts, the second at Mysore with jurisdiction over Mysore, Mandya and Hassan Districts, and the third at Shimoga with jurisdiction over the remaining districts of Shimoga, Kadur, Chitaldrug and Tumkur.

Government are pleased to approve of the constitution of three audit circles with the grouping of districts and institutions as proposed by the Comptroller. Each circle will be placed in charge of an Assistant Comptroller with an adequate audit staff working under him. The Deputy Comptroller in the Central Office will exercise a general supervision over the work of these local audit circles so as to ensure efficient and uniform audit and prompt disposal of audit reports. The Comptroller has requested that with a view to enabling him to allocate an adequate establishment to cope satisfactorily with the work in the three circles, the marginally noted additional staff be sanctioned as also the purchase of two new typewriters at a total cost of Rs. 800. In view of the desirability of avoiding large additions to staff under present financial conditions, Government consider that an additional Gazetted Officer need not be allowed at present. The Comptroller may, however, examine the feasibility of delegating to a Senior Superintendent of his office the routine work of a Gazetted Officer and submit suitable proposals for the consideration of Government. Sanction is accorded to the entertainment of two additional accountants and two additional accounts clerks, as also to the purchase of two typewriters.

One Gazetted Officer on Rs. 250—20—350.
Four Accountants on Rs. 60—10/2—100.
Two Accounts Clerks on Rs. 30—5/2—60.
Two Peons on Rs. 10—½—14.

With the formation of these audit circles, the respective headquarters of the staff will be fixed at one of the three places, *viz.*, Bangalore, Mysore or Shimoga, and the need for the grant of Duty Allowance now given to some officials employed on this work will cease, and the same will be discontinued hereafter as a general rule. The staff of the local audit circles will be allowed usual travelling allowance for their tours outside their respective headquarters. The Comptroller, however, proposes that to obviate hardship to the present Mysore Industrial and Local Audit Staff, who are getting 20 per cent of pay as duty allowance, the present incumbents may continue to draw the allowance till they are changed from their present charges but that for tours outside Mysore they may be allowed ordinary travelling allowance and daily allowance less the duty allowance. He also proposes that the conveyance allowance now given to the Bangalore Auditors may be continued at the present rates and that a similar concession be extended to the auditor who goes for audit of accounts of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills at Mysore. These proposals are approved. The conveyance allowance to the Auditor of the accounts of Sri Krishnarajendra Mills will be fixed at Rs. 5 per mensem.

The arrangements sanctioned above will be given effect to from 1st July 1940, and the results of their working reviewed after two years.

A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.